

École Camille J. Lerouge School

School Council Agenda

November 16, 2020

7:00 p.m. via Google Meet

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**Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.**

**Attendees – Sinead A, Erika P, Cynthia C, Christie Z, Marilee M, Melissa B, Alicia M, Allison R, Christina Y, Clare W, Colleen B, Erin H, Jessica C, Kim T, Kristi O, Lisa A, Lisa V, Meaghan P, Quinn S, Rachelle T, Rayann A, Renee F, Selena F**

**Opening Prayer – Rachelle Taylor**

**Review of the Agenda and October 19, 2020 Minutes**

**Additions to the Agenda (none)**

**MOTION to approve Agenda and October 19, 2020 Minutes**

**MOVED: Rachelle**

**SECONDED: Christie**

**School Council 2020-2021 Executive**

***Chair*** - Melissa Ball

***Vice-Chair*** - Kim Templar

***Secretary*** - Marilee Murgatroyd

***Treasurer*** - Christie Zapisocky

**Principal Report – Sinead Armstrong**

- Welcome
- COVID Updates
  - With reference to a recent situation where École Camille was notified about a confirmed COVID-19 case, Sinead gave a description of Red Deer Catholic Regional School's response protocol.
  - École Camille was contacted at approximately 5:00 p.m. and staff immediately responded to assess the impact of the case. Thereafter, parents and others who were impacted were notified by phone. The greater community was not contacted until all those affected were notified. The entire process took approximately three hours.
  - The custodial company was contacted to perform a deep clean of the classroom.

- Staff assessed how to support the school's grade six team and the students who were in isolation. The team worked above and beyond to meet the needs of all grade six students.
  - Sinead was contacted by another administrator whose school was impacted and she shared École Camille's learnings.
  - Council members commended school staff for an exceptional response.
  - Teacher wellness is a priority and they are reminded to be gentle with themselves and to take things slow.
- Parent Teacher Interview meals
    - Sinead thanked the Council for the treats, gestures and tokens of appreciation provided to staff. Surprise gestures have gone a long way.
    - Caramel apples were well received by staff at school as well as in isolation.

### **School Trustee Report – Anne Marie Watson**

- The Board has hired Mrs. Kathleen Finnigan as Superintendent of Schools. This is the culmination of a 4-month national search. Mrs. Finnigan has 34+ years of experience as a Catholic educator and has held the roles of teacher, counselor, administrator, and Senior Administrator. She has been Acting Superintendent since February 2020; in that role, she has been leading the Division's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and has been instrumental in transitioning to a new Alberta Education funding model.
- Parents may recall that the Board reached out to them in September, asking for feedback and input into the role of the Superintendent. We received a high response rate which contained valuable feedback, and I'd like to again thank those who participated.
- The Board is advocating the Minister of Education that diploma exams be optional for students this year, due to COVID-19 and potential gaps in learning. The Minister had already decided that the November diploma exam writing would be optional; we are advocating that the rest of the writings this year also be optional.
- Christmas Season
  - Moving into Advent, staff are being mindful to keep bubbles small.
  - École Camille has decided to suspend its after-school athletic activities for the next couple of weeks.
  - The volleyball season is closing up as well.
  - A decision will be made whether to proceed with basketball and badminton.

### **Treasurer Report - Christie Zapisocky**

- Budget update
  - No expenditures have been made other than those for staff appreciation. Thanksgiving and Halloween-themed treats were purchased as part of World Teacher Day. Dinners were purchased for teachers on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> including caramel apples from Nana's Sweet Shop.

## **New Business**

- Update on Giving Tree
  - There was a request for gift cards from Walmart, Superstore and Toys R Us in denominations of \$25. The deadline is November 17, 2020.
  - Clare reported that 53 cards were received by the École Camille office.
  
- Update on Gifts for Grandparents
  - Kim reported that the following items will be accepted: commercial cookies, candy, chocolates, gift cards with no set denomination, cash, or gift cards for any grocery store.
  - The gifts will be picked up on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Announcements/Correspondence**

- The next meeting will be on January 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

## **Closing Reflection – Rachelle Taylor**

**Adjournment - 7:40 p.m.**

## **2020-2021 Meeting Dates:**

January 18 – Renee (opening), Lisa Alford (closing)

February 22

March 15

April 12

May 17

June 14